

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1.(Withdrawn from consideration) A utility basket, comprising:

- a bottom floor;
- a left wall and a right wall located above and connected to said bottom floor;
- a back wall located between said left wall and said right wall and above said bottom floor, wherein said back wall is connected to said left wall, said right wall and said bottom floor;
- a front wall having a gap formed thereof through which items enter and exit said utility basket; and
- a front door coupled with said front wall, wherein said front door opens and closes to permit items to enter and exit said utility basket through said gap when said front door is in an open position, while maintaining said items within said utility basket when said front door is in a closed position.

2.(Withdrawn from consideration) The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said front door opens and closes vertically.

3.(Withdrawn from consideration) The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said front door opens and closes horizontally.

4.(Withdrawn from consideration) The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said front door comprises a plurality of foldable panels.

5.(Withdrawn from consideration) The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said front door comprises a plurality of rollably connected panels that are retractable into a scroll configuration.

6.(Withdrawn from consideration) The utility basket of claim 1 further comprising at least one handle.

7.(Withdrawn from consideration) The utility basket of claim 6 wherein said at least one handle comprises an extendable handle.

8.(Withdrawn from consideration) The utility basket of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of wheels connected to said bottom floor of said utility basket.

9.(Withdrawn from consideration) The utility basket of claim 1 further comprising at least one wheel connected to said bottom floor of said utility basket.

10.(Withdrawn from consideration)           The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said front door comprises a flexible sheet.

11.(Withdrawn from consideration)           The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said front door comprises a handle.

12.(Withdrawn from consideration)           The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said front door comprises a locking mechanism.

13.(Withdrawn from consideration)           The utility basket of claim 1 wherein said left wall, said right wall, said back wall, said bottom floor, said front wall and said front door are formed from a plastic material.

14.(Withdrawn from consideration)           The utility basket of claim 1 further comprising a cavity formed from at least one wall of said utility basket, such that said front door slides into said cavity in when said front door is moving toward an open position and out of said cavity when said front door is moving toward a closed position.

15.(currently amended) A utility basket made from a plastic material, comprising:  
a front panel, a back panel, a right panel, a left panel and a floor;

a gap formed thereof in at least one of said front panel, said back panel , said right panel or said left panel;~~and~~

a door coupled with said at least one of said front panel, said back panel, said right panel or said left panel at said gap, wherein said door can be opened and closed to permit items to enter and exit said utility basket through said gap when said door is in an open, downward position, while maintaining said items within said utility basket when said door is in a partially closed and closed, upward position; wherein said door is opened as it is pushed downward into a storage position located near the bottom floor of the utility basket and the door is closed when as it is pulled upward from its storage position into a closed position, wherein the closed position comprises filling in of the gap formed in the front wall;

a storage cavity formed within the floor and adapted for accepting and storing the door as it is moved into open and partially closed positions;

more than one wheel coupled beneath the floor for moveably supporting the utility basket on a floor; and

at least one handle located near the top of the at least one of said front panel, said back panel, said right panel or said left panel that is located directly opposite said gap.

16.(Cancelled.)

17.(Cancelled.)

18.(Withdrawn from consideration) The utility basket of claim 15 wherein said utility basket further comprises at least one wheel and a handle.

19.(Cancelled.)

20.(Currently amended) A utility basket made from a plastic material, comprising:

a bottom floor including a storage cavity formed within the floor and adapted for accepting and storing the door as it is moved into open and partially closed positions,

and more than one wheel coupled beneath the floor for moveably supporting the utility basket on a floor;

four walls integrated with each other and the bottom floor, said four walls further comprising a left wall and a right wall located above and connected to said bottom floor;<sub>1</sub>  
a back wall located between said left wall and said right wall and above said bottom floor, wherein said back wall is connected to said left wall, said right wall and said bottom floor;<sub>2</sub>  
and a front wall located between said left wall and said right wall and above said bottom floor, wherein said front wall connected to said left wall, said right wall and said bottom floor, said front wall having a gap formed therein~~thereof through which items enter and exit said utility basket;~~ and

a front door ~~assembled~~coupled within the gap in said front wall, wherein said front door is opened and closed~~opens and closes~~ vertically within the gap~~a cavity formed in said front wall~~ to thereby permit items to enter and exit said utility basket through said gap when said front door is in an opened position, while maintaining said items within said utility basket when said front door is in a partially closed or closed position;<sub>3</sub> wherein said retractable front door is fully opened as it is pushed downward within the cavity into a storage position located at the bottom floor of the utility basket and the front door can be adjusted to different positions up to full closure when it is pulled upward from the storage position towards a closed position;

a storage cavity formed within the floor and adapted for accepting and storing the front door as it is moved into open and partially closed positions;

more than one wheel coupled beneath the floor for moveably supporting the utility basket on a floor; and

at least one retractable handle located near the top of the at least one of said front panel, said back panel, said right panel or said left panel that is located directly opposite the at least one panel that has said gap.

21.(Withdrawn from consideration) The utility basket of claim 1 further comprising at least one retractable handle located near the back wall opposite the bottom floor and at least one wheel mounted on the external surface of the bottom floor, wherein said

retractable handle and at least one wheel enable the utility basket to be maneuvered along the ground.